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Catholic gift shop

This shop sells gifts, decor items and other products for Catholics, one of the main Christian groups in Singapore. Christianity was born in the Middle East but was brought to Singapore mainly by Europeans in the 19th century.

These crosses or crucifixes are for displaying at home. The crucifix is a meaningful symbol in Christianity. It represents the sacrifice Jesus Christ made when he allowed himself to be put to death through this form of Roman torture. Catholic crucifixes usually have the body of Jesus on them.

This is a European-style painting of the angel Gabriel telling Mary that she was pregnant with Jesus Christ. As the mother of Jesus, Mary is very important to Catholics.

The store also sells gifts and souvenirs such as keychains with Christian messages.

These rosaries, or prayer beads, are used by Catholics to count prayers that they repeat. Traditionally, there are four sets of prayers, known as the Mysteries of the Rosary. Prayer beads are used in many other religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam.

These plaques are printed with inspirational verses from the Bible. The Bible is the holy book of Christians. The Bible was originally written mainly in Hebrew and Greek – languages of the Mediterranean region where Christianity comes from. This shop sells Bibles in English and Chinese.